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Mr. Richard Conniff

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Dear Mr. Conniff:

Thank you for your recent letter to Admiral Inman in which you sought information on undisclosed cases of scientific or technical espionage against the U.S.

Regrettably, there is no information available for release here that will enable you to dramatize the case you intend to make. There is, however, a substantial amount of information in the enclosed document titled Soviet Acquisition of Western Technology which might be helpful. The study was recently prepared and released by CIA on behalf of the Intelligence Community. While it may not provide the details of "How the Soviets Spy . . ." in consonance with your theme, it certainly demonstrates the profound effect of clandestine acquisition of Western technology and the potential threat to Western society.

Although we are unable to cooperate with you in the preparation of your article, we encourage you to pursue this urgent theme and to avail yourself of the considerable material already in the public domain. A copy of Admiral Inman's presentation to the AAAS in January of this year is also enclosed with the hope you will find it useful.

Thank you again for your interest. We enjoyed your "Computer War" in Science Digest and wish you every success in your latest endeavor.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Public Affairs

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